

named Matthew Scott who nearly 9 years ago performed an act of uncommon courage that saved the life of a young woman in my congressional district.

In August of 1997 a 15-year-old woman and her friend were out driving a truck near a very dangerous area in my congressional district called Deception Pass. The road was dark, and the two girls could not see the road in front of them. Leslie, the driver, yanked her steering wheel in the wrong direction and drove off a 185-foot cliff into the freezing ocean below. Her passenger managed to jump from the truck at the last second before it went over the edge. At the same time, Matthew Scott, a young Naval Chief Petty Officer, was driving by the location when he spotted a busted guardrail, and a hysterical group of people pointing to the ocean below.

Matthew does not consider himself a hero. On that night in 1997, he was just there for another human being—a young girl he had never met. He scaled down a treacherous, dark cliff with only a small flashlight to guide him. At the bottom of his remarkable 185-foot descent, he swam 30 yards out in strong tides and frigid water to rescue young Leslie. She was in bad shape. Leslie suffered a broken back, leg, and arm and had numerous cuts and bruises covering her body.

Because of his selfless, courageous heroics—Leslie is now 24-years-old and the manager of a local coffee shop. She is also the mother of a little girl and an upstanding member of her community.

Matthew Scott has continued to dedicate his life to one of military service. He is now a Lieutenant studying for his MBA at the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, California.

Those who know Lt. Scott talk about his everyday heroics. As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I am honored to have had Lt. Scott serve at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island in Washington state's 2nd Congressional District. He is the truest face of our U.S. Navy. Every day he honors what is described as the Navy's unofficial motto—"not self but country."

Lt. Scott has spent his life serving his country. That dark night in 1997 was no different. But that night he served his country and his fellow Americans in a personal and profound way. Off duty, he still put his own life at risk to save the life of another.

For this, I come to the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives to honor him and call on all of my colleagues to look to Matthew's example to inspire us and spur us on to our own acts of selfless service and care.

Because of Matthew's humble heroics, Leslie is alive today.

Matthew is not just a good father—not just a good sailor—he's a good person. And he is a true hero.

ago, when the House was not expected to be in session during December.

RECOGNIZING JOHN CORRERO

HON. CHARLES W. "CHIP" PICKERING

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 16, 2005

Mr. PICKERING. Mr. Speaker, for many who attend and serve Mississippi State University, the university is more than an institution, it is a family. Today I would like to recognize and honor one of the most dedicated members of that family who is retiring from work, but never as a Bulldog.

This summer, John Corroero retired from his position as Alumni Director of the MSU Alumni Association after serving the school for over 35 years and being associated with Mississippi State for over four decades.

He began his partnership with MSU as a student earning academic honors with three years as Varsity Football Letterman. John was President of the Campus "M" Club; President of the Kappa Delta Pi (National Honor Society in Education); and a member of Omicron Delta Kappa (National Leadership and Scholarship Society), Blue Key (National Leadership and Scholarship Society), Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, President's and Dean's Scholar and was chosen Mr. Mississippi State University. He earned a B.S. Degree in Physical Education from MSU in 1962 and stayed at the school to conduct graduate studies, earning a Masters in Educational Administration and Counseling in 1964. During that time he served as a graduate assistant and as freshman football coach at Mississippi State.

John served as Executive Director of the Mississippi State University Alumni Association since 1994. Previously he served as Associate Director of the Alumni Association (1975–1994) and Field Secretary of the Alumni Association (1969–1975).

John is a dedicated member of the community serving on numerous Starkville City and Oktibbeha County boards and organizations. He and his wife Gloria Collum Corroero are committed members of St. Joseph Catholic Church. Gloria, like their two children Kimberly Ann Fandel of Tupelo and Chris of New Orleans, is a Mississippi State graduate.

Mr. Speaker, John Corroero's legacy and dedication to Mississippi State University is a family tradition and an example for Bulldogs old and young. We are proud and thankful of his lifetime of service and Mississippi State University is a better institution because of his hard work.

I met Carroll Campbell when we were both elected delegates at the State Republican Convention in 1972 for the National Convention in Miami Beach. We were delegates when I hired fellow delegate Lee Atwater of Newberry College to organize college campuses to work with Carroll in the Upstate to elect President Richard Nixon.

In 1975, as Executive Assistant to Governor Jim Edwards, South Carolina's first Republican Governor, I worked closely with Carroll and accountant Wagdy Demian to reform the irregularities at the Department of Social Services. Our meetings were in hallways due to concern of monitoring in offices and Mr. Demian courageously provided whistleblower information despite an attempt on his life.

In 1985, I was the first State Senator to endorse his candidacy for Governor and I worked independently with State Senators Ryan Shealy and Warren Giese to recruit Congressman Tommy Hartnett for Lieutenant Governor and developed the Dream Team of two candidates with the highest integrity and ability.

In 1986, the gubernatorial campaign was a historic breakthrough which fostered a Republican majority in the State. Working with Bob McAllister and Warren Tomkins, I researched, developed, and publicized with State Senators David Thomas and Bill Branton, the sweetheart leases of Democrat officials with state agencies at "The Good Old Boys Tower." After the election, Governor Campbell renegotiated the leases, saving taxpayers millions of dollars.

In 1990, I was grateful to work with the Campbell staff and irate Democrats uncovering purchasing irregularities at the State Department of Education, explaining the need to elect a new State Superintendent. Working with Representative David Wright, we were slammed as "Hatchet and Tomahawk" by Democrats, but the efforts prevailed to elect Barbara Nielsen as the State's first Republican Superintendent, who served with great distinction.

During the two terms of the Campbell Administration, I was honored to serve as floor leader for his initiatives in the State Senate. The highlight was to address the power failure of state government with restructuring. Working with Chamber leader Paula Harper Bethea, Democrat Lt. Governor Nick Theodore, Senator David Thomas and Senator Greg Ryberg, we were successful. Due to the House leadership of Rep. David Wilkins, we were able to pass a bill despite determined opposition who were opposed to the reforms and devoted to tarnishing the Campbell legacy of success.

The following obituary is a full tribute to Governor Campbell. This tribute ran in the The Post and Courier of Charleston, South Carolina, on December 9, 2005.

CARROLL CAMPBELL, JR.

Carroll Ashmore Campbell, Jr., beloved husband, father, grandfather and former two-term South Carolina governor who led the economic and political transformation of his home state, died of cardiac arrest Wednesday at a Lexington health care facility after a five year struggle with Alzheimer's disease. He was 65.

Born July 24, 1940 in Greenville to Carroll Sr. and Anne Williams Campbell, he was a lifelong learner himself, educated in Greenville's public schools and graduated from the McCallie School in Tennessee. As a teenager,

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERNEST J. ISTOOK, JR.

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 16, 2005

Mr. ISTOOK. Mr. Speaker, my absence from the House chamber for today's votes and any held this weekend is due to my attending my daughter's wedding in Salt Lake City, Utah. The wedding was scheduled months

HONORING GOVERNOR CARROLL CAMPBELL

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 16, 2005

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, all South Carolinians have mourned the loss of former Governor Carroll Campbell. As a longtime friend, I especially appreciate his service.

he paid his own way to attend college part-time at the University of South Carolina-Spartanburg. He continued his education while in Congress, taking classes in the evening and earning a master's degree in political science and the award for outstanding scholarship at the graduate level from the School of Government and Public Administration at American University. One professor told friends in later years that Campbell was the only public official who had taken the class without having staff members do the classwork. He also held ten honorary doctorate degrees and received numerous business and public service awards.

Despite accomplishing reforms on behalf of millions of fellow South Carolinians, Carroll Campbell took his greatest pride in the achievements and love of a few. His family—a wife of 46 years, two sons and their wives and four grandchildren—were his strength and comfort. Iris and Carroll Campbell married in 1959 and soon became known in Greenville for their delight in the company of friends and their shagging to the beach music Carroll had learned and loved as a young lifeguard during high school summers in Myrtle Beach.

At 19, while working in the real estate business, he cofounded a successful chain of parking facilities. In 1967, he was co-founder of a business that developed a chain of 13 Burger King restaurants. He later became an active breeder of Arabian horses, owning and operating a farm near Fountain Inn in the Seventies. Later, along with his sons and others, he owned a chain of 19 Wendy's restaurants throughout South Carolina.

He was first elected to public office in 1970 as a member of the South Carolina State House of Representatives. Mr. Campbell served there until 1974. Running in a 1976 special election, he won a seat representing Greenville in the state Senate.

In 1978, Carroll Campbell was elected to the United States Congress from South Carolina's fourth congressional district, the first Republican since reconstruction to hold that seat. He served in Congress until 1986.

Campbell was elected as governor of South Carolina in 1986 and re-elected in 1990. Job creation, strong economic growth, education reform and fiscal conservatism were the hallmarks of his administration.

In 1995, Mr. Campbell became President and CEO of the American Council of Life Insurers, the trade arm of the life insurance industry. He retired from that position in January 2002. He served on the board of directors for BMW International, Fluor Corporation, AVX Corporation, Norfolk Southern Corporation, Wackenhut Corporation, TRAC Racing and the Boy Scouts of America.

In an October 2001 letter to the people of South Carolina, Mr. Campbell announced his diagnosis and plans to fight the disease. He was an active supporter of the Alzheimer's Association in South Carolina, raising funds for the association and for the care facility that bears his name and where he spent his final days.

Surviving are his wife Iris, his son Carroll III and wife Elizabeth; son Mike and his wife Ruffin, and four grandchildren, Blakeney Herlong Campbell, Carroll Barrett Campbell, Michael Rhodes Campbell and Marie Riley Campbell, all of Columbia. He is also survived by Anne Mangum, Mary Carpenter, Elizabeth Tatum, and Caroline Campbell.

Instead of flowers, the Campbell family asks that donations be made to the South Carolina Alzheimer's Association, Attention: Carroll Campbell Respite Program, PO Box 7044, Columbia, SC 29202. The Respite Program helps family members relieve the stress they may experience while providing care for a loved one with Alzheimer's.

The governor's body will lie in state on the second floor of the State House between the

House and Senate chambers from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. Friday, December 9. The viewing is open to the public. Members of the S.C. Army and Air National Guard will serve as honor guards during this time.

The funeral will be held Saturday, December 10, at 10:30 a.m. at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Columbia. The body will be taken by caisson. The funeral will be open to the public, though seating will be very limited.

After the Columbia funeral, the body will be taken to All Saints Episcopal Church at Pawley's Island for a brief service inside the church at 4 p.m., followed by burial in the church cemetery. This service, too, will be open to the public, though seating will be very limited.

Pallbearers will be officers representing SLED, the Department of Natural Resources and the S.C. Highway Patrol. Members of his former security detail will be honorary pallbearers.

Dunbar Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

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PROVIDING THAT HAMAS AND OTHER TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN ELECTIONS HELD BY PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT WEXLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2005

Mr. WEXLER. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my colleagues for joining me in introducing this critical resolution, which states unequivocally that Hamas should not be permitted to participate in the upcoming Palestinian elections unless it disarms, renounces terrorism, ceases incitement and recognizes Israel's right to exist as a Jewish state.

Since its establishment in 1987, Hamas has used terrorism as a means of achieving its primary political goal—that is, the destruction of Israel. Hamas has masterminded and carried out numerous terrorist attacks, and are responsible for maiming thousands and killing hundreds of innocent Israelis in addition to 26 Americans.

As we approach the Palestinian parliamentary election on January 25, Hamas has opted to participate—for the first time—in the political process. While this presents a unique opportunity for the Palestinian Authority to delineate red lines for political participation—including the denunciation of terror and disarming of militant groups—no preconditions have been set. Instead, the Palestinian Authority has sat by as Hamas continues to assert its right to run for the parliament as a means of promoting its unconscionable agenda of incitement and terror against Israel.

The upcoming Palestinian election presents a critical test for President Mahmoud Abbas, who has, thus far, failed to dismantle terrorist organizations such as the Palestinian Islamic Jihad and Hamas. The recent suicide bombing in Netanya served as a painful reminder that Mr. Abbas's plan for "one authority, one gun" has yet to be realized, and this resolution is intended to send him a message that he must translate empty rhetoric into concrete action on the ground.

The disarmament of Hamas and the true implementation of "one authority, one gun" is in

the best interest of the Palestinian people, and the essential first step toward creating an atmosphere conducive to peace.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 16, 2005

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, due to a medical issue, I was unable to vote yesterday on rollcall No. 633, H. Res. 602, providing for the consideration of H.R. 2830, the Pension Protection Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

TRIBUTE TO NATALIE TERESA LANAM

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 16, 2005

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Natalie Teresa Lanam, a distinguished and beloved resident of San Mateo County, CA, who died on December 8, 2005, after a long battle with cancer.

Natalie Lanam was a native of San Francisco's Mission District and her Mexican heritage was a source of great pride to her. She was a faith-filled woman who was respected throughout our community for her decades of volunteerism and for the professionalism she brought to every effort she was associated with.

Natalie Lanam was an effective fund-raiser for the causes she held dear. She volunteered for local schools and Easter Seals, and she was best known for her commitment to providing legal services for anyone who needed them, regardless of their ability to pay. For more than 15 years she volunteered for the Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County and her efforts were honored by the society when they named their building the Natalie Lanam Criminal Justice Center.

Natalie Lanam is survived by her husband of 55 years, the Honorable Bill Lanam who served with distinction on the Superior Court in San Mateo County and who was first elected as a result of Natalie's superb organizing efforts. Natalie and Bill's family of 4 daughters, 2 sons, 17 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren are a testament to the values of Natalie Lanam and her special gifts to the world God has called her from.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to a remarkable woman for her lifetime of devotion to her family, her faith, her community and her country and extending our deepest condolences to Judge Lanam and the entire Lanam family.

RECOGNIZING LEWIS F. MALLORY, JR.

HON. CHARLES W. "CHIP" PICKERING

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 16, 2005

Mr. PICKERING. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize one of